

HELD IN \$2,000 BAIL.**Nestor Gomez Must Appear Before the Next Grand Jury.****Justice Givens Decides that the Evidence is Sufficient to Hold Him for Attempted Rape.**

The preliminary examination of Nestor Gomez for attempt at rape was held here last Friday and he was committed to jail in default of \$2,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury.

As stated in the last issue of THE EAGLE, the crime was committed near Fleuri's ranch, about four miles east of this place, on Monday of last week. From the evidence it appears that Nestor Gomez, who is a young Mexican, nineteen years of age, residing with his father on a ranch about three miles north of town, was at a dance at Central on Sunday evening of last week and on Monday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock he started on horseback from Central to go home. He rode a black horse and carried a black handled revolver. On these points there was no contradictory evidence.

Miss Flora Fleuri, who was the person assaulted, stated on the stand that on Monday morning she went to look for some burros and at about 9 o'clock, when she was about half a mile from the house, the defendant rode up and with his hand on his revolver made an insulting proposal and threatened to shoot her if she did not comply with his wishes. The terribly frightened girl showed no inclination to comply and Gomez then endeavored to accomplish his object by force. In the struggle that followed, the girl's clothing was torn off and she was bruised considerably. She cried loudly for help and, at length, Gomez left her, mounted his horse and rode off. She positively identified the defendant as the person who assaulted her, stated that he rode a black horse, carried a black handled revolver and that he was accompanied by a spotted dog.

The brother of the defendant swore that Nestor arrived home on Monday morning about 9 or 9:30 o'clock, but on cross examination stated that he had no time piece. The prisoner's father swore that the defendant left Central about 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning.

Nestor Gomez testified that he left Central between 7 and 8 o'clock and that he rode 600 or 650 yards the other side of Fleuri's ranch where he overtook three Mexicans, whom he did not know, coming in a buggy to Silver City. He rode along with them from the point where he overtook them to within a mile of Silver City where he left them. He did not leave the road nor did he see Miss Fleuri that day. He had no dog along and denied that he

committed any assault whatever. He admitted on cross examination that there was a dog at the ranch which answered the description given by Miss Fleuri.

During the examination the justice court room was crowded and the general impression seemed to be that the defendant was guilty of the charge. At the close of the testimony John M. Ginn presented the case for the territory and James S. Fielder argued the case for the defense. Justice Givens concluded that there was sufficient evidence to hold the defendant on the charge and fixed the bail at \$2,000.

Calvin Fleuri, the girl's father, made the complaint in the case on Tuesday of last week before Justice Givens and a warrant was immediately issued and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Baca who arrested Miguel Gomez, an older brother of the defendant, on Tuesday afternoon and notified Nestor Gomez also to be present at the preliminary examination which was set for Wednesday morning.

Miss Fleuri stated that the prisoner was not the guilty party but identified Nestor Gomez, as the one who committed the crime, among several Mexicans. The defense asked for time to get witnesses and the hearing was continued until Friday morning when the case was heard with the result as stated above.

The punishment provided in the statutes of the territory for an attempt to commit rape is imprisonment in the territorial penitentiary for not less than one or more than ten years.

Some of the members of the Silver City Gun club are distinguishing themselves at trap shooting while others are going out in the mountains to practice on live birds before giving public exhibitions of shooting.

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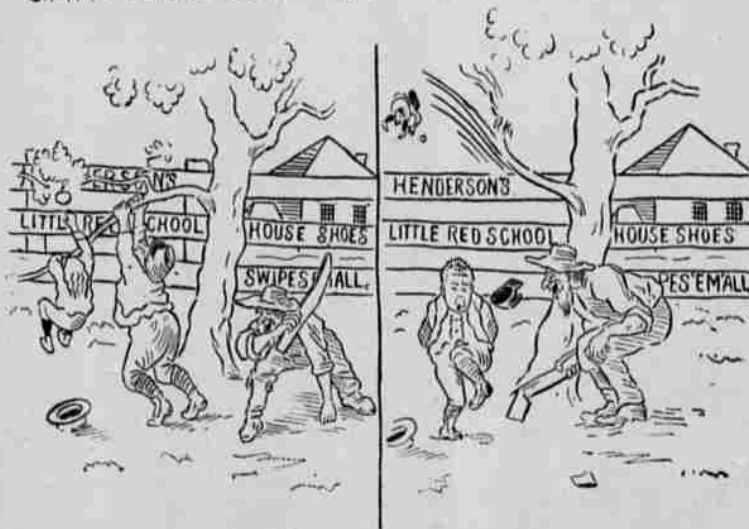
There was a big dance at Lambright canon, at the ranch of William I. Brahm, last Thursday night. Quite a number of candidates for office were there and enjoyed the fun, but one or two of them failed to arrive in time and missed one of the pleasantest parties of the season.

A number of young ladies went from this place and they all had a jolly time.

Among those present were Misses Mildred Brahm, Maud Biggs, Pearl Dotson, Lizzie Brahm, May Biggs, Disa Moore, Pearl Childers, Mamie Holson and Blanche Biggs. The drive to and from the ranch was a pleasant one and on the whole the young people had a delightful time.

The announcement of A. B. Laird, as a candidate for the office of collector of this county on the republican ticket appears in this issue. Mr. Laird has been before the people of this county several times and democrats in the county are aware of the fact that he is a hard man to beat and that it will be necessary to put up a strong candidate to beat him. He is familiar with the details of the office to which he aspires, and, if nominated by the republicans of the county, will make a lively race for the office. May the best man win.

J. P. Goodlander, one of the best known commercial tourists in this part of the world, and Miss Maud V. Talbot, of Albuquerque, were united in marriage last Wednesday evening at Albuquerque by Rev. Trew of the Episcopal church. Mr. Goodlander was here but a few days before the wedding but he neglected to let any of his many friends into the secret. The newly married pair will spend a few weeks on the Pacific coast after which they will go to St. Louis where they will reside.

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